

Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB0224

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 224*

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By deleting in its entirety all language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 71-5-191. Any managed care organization participating in the TennCare waiver program under this chapter shall agree to and shall have appropriate staff available on a twenty-four (24) hour per day basis for seven (7) days of each week of the year in order to be able to provide any notification or authorizations necessary for rendering medical care to an enrollee in the TennCare program. The telephone number(s) of the managed care organization during its normal working hours, as well as after its normal working hours, where such staff may be reached shall be provided to hospitals by the TennCare Bureau. Each hospital shall post such telephone numbers in a conspicuous place in the emergency room and shall make such numbers available to all staff physicians. This section shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed between the State of Tennessee and managed care organizations on or after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.